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Advisory Action

Application No. 08/962,094

Applicants

Billings-Medel et al.

Examiner

Lisa Athur

Group Art Unit 1655



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	a) 2	expires3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
	b) [expires either three months from the mailing date of the final rejection, or on the mailing date of this Advisory Action, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for the response expire later than six months from the date of the final rejection.
	date o	xtension of time must be obtained by filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a), the proposed response and the appropriate fee. The n which the response, the petition, and the fee have been filed is the date of the response and also the date for the purposes of nining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. Any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17 will be ated from the date of the originally set shortened statutory period for response or as set forth in b) above.
	Appe perio	ellant's Brief is due two months from the date of the Notice of Appeal filed on (or within any d for response set forth above, whichever is later). See 37 CFR 1.191(d) and 37 CFR 1.192(a).
Ap bu	plica it is N	nt's response to the final rejection, filed on <u>May 8, 2000</u> has been considered with the following effect, OT deemed to place the application in condition for allowance:
\mathbf{X}	The p	proposed amendment(s):
	v	vill be entered upon filing of a Notice of Appeal and an Appeal Brief.
	X v	vill not be entered because:
	X	they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. (See note below).
		they raise the issue of new matter. (See note below).
	X	they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal.
		they present additional claims without cancelling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.
	NC	OTE: The amendment of the claims to recite "50% identity" has broadened that claim and raised new issues under 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph which requrie further consideration and search.
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ATTACHMENT TO ADVISORY ACTION

The arguments are not convincing because applicant's have presented no evidence that the

detecting the presence of BS106 mRNA in a tissue other than breast is indicative of breast cancer.

The fact that PSA and mammaglobin are detectable in blood and are indicative of cancer is not

evidence that detection of every tissue specific transcript in a different tissue is correlated to a

cancer. While it is known that cancer cells are often detectable in peripheral blood, the skilled

artisan could not then conclude that all the cellular nucleic acid is correlated to cancer. Clearly,

most of the nucleic acid in the cancer cell is not cancer specific. Consequently, more evidence is

required to establish that detection of BS106 in a non-breast tissue is indicative of breast cancer.

Therefore the rejection is maintained.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lisa Arthur whose telephone number is (703) 308-3988. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm and on Tuesday -Wednesday from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Jones, can be reached on (703) 308-1152. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-4242.

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